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SEUR-CHONG

There's only one thing Seur-Chong loves more than hunting dragons, and that's getting paid for doing it. He's infected with the Dragon's Curse, a condition which gives him incredible strength and stamina, but is slowly killing him. Despite his greedy nature, he has a heart almost as big as his enormous sword.

MYUNG-HO

A human born with exceptional gifts, Myung-Ho can control the minds of most lesser dragons, and averts Seur-Chong with his slaying. After one particularly fierce battle left Myung-Ho mortally wounded, Seur-Chong purposely infected Myung-Ho with the Dragon's Curse in order to save the human's life. As a result, Myung-Ho's mystical powers increased and he gained precognitive and clairvoyant abilities that manifest themselves in the form of a third eye that appears on his forehead.



MYUNG-YOUN

A human with a soft spot for dragons, she was in Seur-Chong's service until she stole a dragon from her master. Now she works with Seur-Chong and Myung-Ho, but she finds the mercenary lifestyle—and the frequent empty promises that come with it—not to her liking. It appears Myung-Ho has a secret crush on Myung-Youn, though Myung-Youn seems to be attracted to Seur-Chong.



DAECHANG-NIEN / SEUR-CHONG

A former leader of the Invisible Shadow Killer Clan of the Chunjae. Like Seur-Chong, Seur-Chen has the Dragon's Curse. He recently revealed that Yun-Wha (Seur-Chong's mother) is his wife, and that Seur-Chong is his son.



RU-ARN

The general's right-hand woman. Daechang-Nien assassinated her father, and it seemed she was biding her time as his assistant until she could avenge her father's death. However, though she recently had the perfect opportunity, she mysteriously did not take her revenge.

TAE-RANG / KOK-JUNG

A former colleague turned rival of Seur-Chong, formerly known as Kok-Jung (which means "worry" in Korean).



BEUL-HEE

A sometimes mean and crude-up shaman, Beul-Hee trained at the same time and place as Myung-Youn, though Myung-Youn's abilities far outshined Beul-Hee's. When her training had been completed, Beul-Hee's first assignment was to a rough, unforgiving area near the Chinese border.

SO-CHUN

A powerful shaman, she's also the feudal lord of the Kyoja Province. She served as a shaman's apprentice under Yun-Wha and she was Myung-Youn's superior. Though a basically good person, So-Chun does have her petty side...which she shows to Myung-Youn more often than not.



RIAZ

The illegitimate daughter of the legendary King Arthur, she wields the spirit sword Excalibur, which is an astral version of the original sword.

THE STORY THUS FAR

SEUR-CHONG IS AN ELITE (AND CASH-OBSESSED) DRAGON HUNTER WHO, DUE TO AN INVOLUNTARY INFUSION OF DRAGON'S BLOOD, POSSESSES INCREDIBLE STRENGTH AND DURABILITY...ALONG WITH A SUBSTANTIALLY SHORTENED LIFESPAN. SEUR-CHONG'S PARTNER, MYUNG-HO, IS A SHAMAN WHO CAN USE MAGIC TO CONTROL DRAGONS--AND THUS MAKE THEM EASIER TO KILL.

NOT LONG AGO, DURING A PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT DRAGON HUNT, THE CHUNJOO--A MYSTERIOUS AND POWERFUL DRAGON-HUNTING GANG THAT DOESN'T TOLERATE COMPETITION--INTERFERED AND MORTALLY WOUNDED MYUNG-HO.

SEEING ONLY ONE WAY TO SAVE MYUNG-HO'S LIFE, SEUR-CHONG GAVE HIS DYING FRIEND A DRINK OF DRAGON'S BLOOD. THE YOUNG SHAMAN'S STRENGTH WAS RESTORED, BUT NOW MYUNG-HO MUST ENDURE THE DREADED DRAGON'S CURSE: POWER THAT WILL EVENTUALLY COST HIM HIS LIFE. MYUNG-HO HAS ALREADY MANIFESTED AN INCREDIBLE "SECOND SIGHT"...SEEN THROUGH A MONSTROUS THIRD EYE THAT APPEARS IN THE MIDDLE OF HIS FOREHEAD!

IN A RECENT ATTEMPT BY THE DUO TO END THE DRAGON'S CURSE BY SLAYING THE DRAGON GOD, SEVERAL LIVES WERE LOST AND REVELATIONS WERE FOUND--ONE OF THEM BEING THAT THE DAECHANG-NIM (LEADER OF THE GROUP OF ASSASSINS KNOWN AS THE CHUNJOO) WAS ACTUALLY SEUR-CHUN--SEUR-CHONG'S FATHER.

SOON AFTER, SEUR-CHUN LEARNED THAT ASSISTING SEUR-CHONG IN HIS HUNT FOR THE DRAGON GOD PUT BOTH OF THEM AND ALL OF THEIR ASSOCIATES ON THE CHUNJOO'S MOST WANTED LIST.

BELIEVING THE BEST DEFENSE TO BE A GOOD OFFENSE, SEUR-CHONG AND MYUNG-HO VENTURED TO SHI-LA TO DESTROY THE CHUNJOO ONCE AND FOR ALL...BUT FOR EACH ENEMY THEY FIGHT, THEY'VE FOUND AS MANY SHOCKING REVELATIONS!



About Dragon Hunter, Part 16

Hello, readers of Dragon Hunter. This is Hong-Seok.

Allow me to tell you about the world of Dragon Hunter. It is set in the age of three Korean kingdoms and the story focuses on dragon hunters who hunt magical dragons. Dragons play a very important part in resolving some of the problems in the complicated relationships among the hunters. I don't worry whether my story is historically accurate or not since it is a work of fiction. I even purposely distorted some historical facts to help the book progress smoothly. It's fun to create a character thinking he or she might have been at a certain time and place even though there is no record of that person in history. But I do sometimes worry that I may have changed history too much.

Anyway, I'm trying to make Dragon Hunter as close to a Korean style fantasy as possible. Again, since I make up some "historic" events and people, please don't confuse my story with real history.

Dragon Hunter is in essence a fantasy book. It's set in an imaginary world, which means it's a world that only exists in my head and the readers' heads.

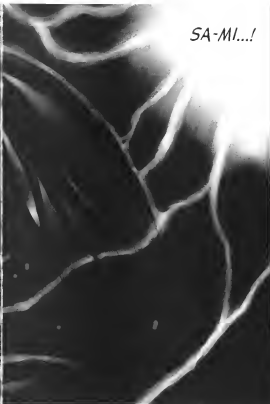
I hope you enjoy it, and I'll see you in volume 17!



CHAPTER 8

BENEATH THE CHUGGO BEAQUANGLIN (PART II)

SA-MI...!





DAMMIT. THE
BASTARD'S
FOUND..
SA-MI..!



CALM
DOWN!
WE ALIST
FIND



GOONG-
CHUN! HOW
DID THEY
HURT?

SNAP!

PLING

COM



YOU BASTARDS!
I'LL KILL YOU ALL!



ARRGH!
S-SELB-
CHONG!

TOUPH



SO FAST..



THOSE
THO TWO ARE
SO ALIVE
GOOT ARE SO
BECKLESS



THIS DOESN'T LOOK
GOOD! FIGHTING CHONG-
RYAN JANG ALONE
WON'T BE EASY AND
WE STILL NEED TO
DEAL WITH GHO-
BYUNG AND SA EYUNG!





HUH? AS I
THOUGHT, SEIR-
CHON'S AN
AMOEBA-BRAINED
SIMPLETON, BUT
THAT OTHER ONE...



...CALLING
FOR SA-WU.
COULD HE BE
GOONG-CHUNG?



WELL,
WHATEVER MY
MISSION IS TO
DELIVER THIS
GIRL TO CHONG-
KORIN JANG-HUL.



I'LL TAKE
CARE OF
THOSE TWO
LATER, HUH?



DRAGON
DECAPITATION
SWORD!!

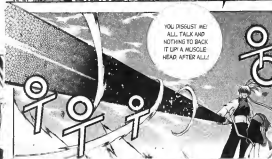
DRAGON
DECAPITATION!!

WHAT
THE
HELL?!











LADY, YOU'RE
REALLY MAKING
ME BLOW
MY TOP!

YOU..



...YOU'RE
SO DEAD!

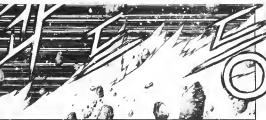
SEUR-
CHONG, NO!
WATCH
OUT!



CHAPTER 02

A SPIRIT SWORD TO DEAL WITH ANOTHER SPIRIT SWORD!

DRAGON
DECAPITATION
SWORD!



PHIEW...
CLOSE CALL...
BUT YOU CAN
KISS YOUR
ENERGY SWORD
GOODBYE!



JEEZ! TOO
CLOSE!



HIS POWER OF
DESTRUCTION
IS INCREDIBLE!
NO WONDER
HE'S CALLED
M4-H4-HE!



BUTTHEAD!
YOU COULDN'T
KILLED SA-W!



HEY THAT
HURTS!

HA HA HA! FIGHTING
EACH OTHER AT A
TIME LIKE THIS?
UNBELIEVABLE!



I'VE DEALT WITH
MANY DENGE
HUNTERS DURING
MY SWARMING
DAYS-BUT
YOU TWO ARE
SOMETHING ELSE!

SOON-CHUN I'VE
NEVER ENCOUNTERED
ANY DRAGON HUNTER
WHO CARES SO MUCH
FOR HIS SHAMAN

YOU WERE A
SHAMAN?

MOST DRAGON
HUNTERS ARE
LIKE SEUL-CHONG
THEY TREAT
THEIR SHAMANS
LIKE SLAVES

WHAT??
DO NOT!

BE QUIET,
SEUL-CHONG!

CHOO-RYUNG, SA-RI IS
MORE IMPORTANT TO ME
THAN LIFE ITSELF AS
A FORMER SHAMAN, YOU
SHOULD UNDERSTAND

CHONG KWAN JANG
DIDN'T DESERVE HER,
SHE HER BACK TO ME!

SHE NEEDS ME
AND I NEED HER
PLEASE.

I'M SURE YOU KNOW OF
CHONG KWAN JANG'S
EVIL AMBITIONS HE
ALREADY TOOK AWAY
YEON AND SEUL-CHONG
IS HERE TO SAVE HER.

RESCUING HER IS
THE ONLY REASON
SEUL-CHONG STANDS
BEFORE YOU

A TALKING YOUNG
BUT IT MEANS
NOTHING TO ME.
I'VE ALREADY
PLEGGED MY LIFE
TO YOUNG-CHUN
WHICH IS PART OF
THE ORdeal

ALL THIS TALK
IS GETTING US
NOWHERE! WHAT
SHE NEEDS IS A
GOOD BEATING!
COME HERE YOU!







ARE THOSE
SPIRIT SWORDS?
THEN THOSE
MUST BE ENERGY
SPIRIT SWORDS?



DAWN, I GUESS
HE'S BRINGING
OUT THE HEAVY
ARTILLERY
SINCE YOU
SHOT DOWN HIS
ENERGY SWORD.



WELL, SHE
DID WARN US
OOH-GO-GO! YOU
BETTER GO

WHAT?



GO! GO! SAVE
SA-HU AND MONS-YEIN!
YOU NEED A SPIRIT
SWORD TO DEAL
WITH ANOTHER
SPIRIT SWORD!

I HAVE MY AIRLORD
TO WIPE THE FLOOR
WITH THIS GUY!

OKAY BUT BE
QUICK I CAN'T
TAKE ON CHANG-
KUN-MAO ON MY OWN



SAVE YOUR-
SELF YOU DO
YOU'RE READY!



FIN
IN THE
NECK
TO THE
END

YOU KNOW THIS
ISN'T YOUR DAY
BECAUSE YOU HAVE
TO FIGHT THAT GUY
INSTEAD OF ME!



HAD I BEEN YOUR
OPPONENT, YOU
WOULD HAVE DIED
LESS PAINFULLY!



BUT YOU KNOW IT'S
NOT MY TIME YET!
SO SEE YOU LATER
ALLIGATOR!



GULP



CLENCH



WHAT'S THE DEAL?
YOU'LL TALK TO
GONG-CHUN BUT
NOT ME? I'M THE
ONE YOU HAVE TO
FIGHT! HE, HE, HE, HE
YOUR CHOICE?



HEH HEH HEH
DON'T BE AFRAID
GONG-CHUN
IT'S NOT YOUR
TIME YET



YOU'RE USING
SPIRIT POWER? SO
WELL? IT'S ONLY
FAIR, RIGHT?

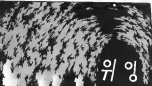


YOU DON'T WANT
TO MEET WITH
ME, DO YOU?



DAMN! NONE OF THIS
WOULD'VE HAPPENED
IF I HAD HEARD SAHRI
IN A SAFER PLACE.

I COULDN'T
PROTECT HER
THIS IS ALL
MY FAULT!!



WHY DID
I HAVE TOO
MUCH BLOOD?

위잉

SHIT!



WHAT'S
THE PLAN,
DAMECHANG?



I HAVEN'T GOT
ONE. WE'RE ON
CHONG-KWAN-JANG'S
HOME TURF.

WHICH WE KNOW
NOTHING ABOUT



DON'T WORRY NOW
THAT WE'VE DECIDED
THROUGH THE GATE
MY THIRD EYE WILL
TELL US WHAT WE
NEED TO KNOW

WELL, NOT
THAT YET.



NOT CONVINCED, RIGHT?
I FELT THE SAME WAY
AT FIRST, BUT IT CAN
BE QUITE HELPFUL!



FOR EXAMPLE,
I CAN SEE THAT
SUNG CHONG IS
AHEAD OF US AND IS
ABOUT CHARGING HIS
WEAPON AT US.



GIL, IS THIS
THE DRAGON
HE SAW?
NOW IT'S
EVEN UGLIER
UP CLOSE!



Aaaagh!!

IS THAT
SUNG CHONG?

SPIRIT AHRU
DEAGON
DECAPITATION
SHORYU

과아아



SELUR-CHONG!



WELL...IT'S
ABOUT TIME!
WELCOME TO
THE PARTY!



SELUR-CHONG!
BEHIND
YOU!

??!



WATCH
OUT,
SELUR-
CHONG!

!!



GAAAH!



SELUR-CHONG,
YOU OKAY?



IT TAKES MORE THAN
THIS TO KILL ME! BUT
WHY WON'T MY SPIRIT
IN SELUR-CHONG HOBBI?

OHAYO

CHAPTER 63

SPIRIT ENERGY THEORY 03. SPIRIT MI-RU-DO

HIS SPIRIT ENERGY
SWORD SLICES
AND DICES FINE!
WHAT'S WITH MY
SPIRIT MI-RU-DO?





ARE THOSE
SPIRIT ENERGY
SWORDS?

YOU
KNOW ABOUT
THEM?



THEN THOSE ARE SPIRIT
SWORDS AS WELL?



CRAP C'WON
C'WON



SABINE USED
TO BATTLE WITH
ENERGY SWORDS

BUT THE ONLY
HERE SEEM
NOW USE SPIRIT
SWORDS...



HE MUST'VE
LEARNED TO
CONTROL HIS
SPIRIT AND NOW HE
CAN WIELD SPIRIT
ENERGY SWORDS

SELB'CHONG
DON'T
STAND A
DANCE!



RAHH! SPIRIT
MURU DEVIL
DECAPITATION
SWORD!







IT DOESN'T
MAKE SENSE!
HIS SWORD
VANISHED!

YES, IT DOES



A SPIRIT ENERGY
SWORD CAN
COLLECT AND
DISPERSE
ENERGY AT
WILL...



UGH! DON'T WORRY
ABOUT ME- I'M DOING
JUST FINE. KEEP
CHATTERING AWAY- IT'S
NOT LIKE I NEED
HELP OR ANYTHING

PANT

PANT



IF HE KEEPS
WASTING HIS
ENERGY LIKE
THAT, HE'LL
TIRE OUT!

I NEED TO
COME UP
WITH SOME
KIND OF A
PLAN!



아
아아

FINE!
YOU LEAVE ME
NO CHOICE!

흥-!



HERE I COME!
SPIRIT AW-EL!

아
아
아



DECAPITATION
HEAD SWORD!

아
아

아
아







NO FEAR!
BAECHAN!
THIS IS MY
FIGHT!



YOU JUST
CAN'T WAIT
TO DIE, CAN
YOU MASTER
SEUNG-CHEN?



AHH!

SOME SPIRIT
ENERGY
SWORDS!



YOU NOTICED, TOO,
MYUNG-HO? THAT
THIRD EYE IS MOST
IMPRESSIVE!



SHUT UP,
YOU ARROGANT
BASTARDS! WHAT
DOES THROWING
A ROCK PROVE?

HAPPY
ATTACKING
YOUR OWN
FATHER?



HEY YOU JUST
SAID YOU'VE
GOT IT. WE'RE
THINKING THE
SAME THING!



THE HELL IT IS!
WE'RE NOT GETTING
ANYWHERE FOR
HOURS! I'M
TALKING TO
THE ONE PERSON
WHO KNOWS
THE WAY!

OH THAT
HURTS...



POOLS! YOU
MUST ALL
HAVE A DEATH
WISH! ALLOW
ME TO GRANT
THAT WISH!



DAMN SPIRIT
ENERGY
SWORDS.



I'VE
NEVER SEEN
SO MANY!



GET ON
TO YOUR
LEFT!

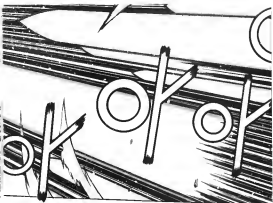
SHIT UP!
HAVE CHS,
YOUNG!



CRAP! IF THIS
DOESN'T WORK,
BUT IT'S THE
ONLY WAY!



CHAPTER 3
FACESTO THE CHANGING MOON



SEL-
CHONG!
TO YOUR
LEFT!



I KNOW
GOOD!



!!



?!?



THE SWORD
PERCED HIS
HEAD! NOW
IS HE...?

IT'S NOT SURE
BUT SELLER
OF THIS MUST'VE
REALIZED THOSE
AREN'T REAL
SPIRIT ENERGY
SWORDS...

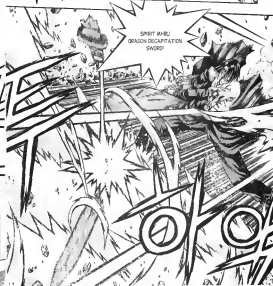


I KNOW!
THIS ONE'S
FOR REAL!



YOU
MEAN...

HA, HA! I KNEW
YOUR SPIRIT
SWORDS WERE
FAKE!



SPIRIT MIMU
DRAGON DECAPITATION
SWORD!



SELLER-CHONG
WATCH OUT!
DON'T LET YOUR
GUARD DOWN!



TEE-HEE, YOU KNOW YOUR SWORDS ARE FAKE—SO JUST QUIT! IT'S KIND OF EMBARRASSING, REALLY.



WHY? HOW COULD THEY NOT HAVE BEEN REAL? HE ATTACKED SEUR-CHONG WITH THEM.

IT WAS HIS ANGRAGE ATTACK.



SEUR-CHONG BLOCKED THE TRUE SPIRIT ENERGY SWORD.

THE REST WERE MERELY ILLUSIONS.

LOOK AT THE
AREA ALL AROUND
HIM. HE CREATED
AN ILLUSION OF
SPIRIT SWORDS BY
DISTORTING THE
SPACE. AND...

SO CLEVERLY
HID THE ONE
REAL SHROD
AMONG THE
FAKES TO
STEAL

THAT'S WHY
WITH ALL
THE SWORDS
ATTACKING ME
I HARDLY GET
SCATCHED

DO NOT
NOT
THE
THE

NOT ONLY
THAT
BUT SEUR
CHONS
THRO

EVERY
MAIL BOX
HAS AN
ADDRESS

SALVING DO
NOT AND TO
CONTROL THAT
ANY SPOT
SHOES WOULD
TAKE LAUNDRY
ENERGY

ONLY
ONE MAN
POSSESSES
SUCH
ENERGY.

TIME TO MAKE
A DECISION!
YOU WANNA
GET OUTTA MY
WAY, OR DIE?

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COULD...IT BE...?!

ALL OF
SAIKHUN'S
ENERGY IS
CONCENTRATED
IN THE SWORD!

SEUL-CHONG
TAKES COVER

NO WAY! A REAL
SPIRIT SWORD? IT'S HUGE!

HEH-HEH! TOO
LATE! YOU WARE
UNDERESTIMATE
ME? THERE IS
NOWHERE TO HIDE
IN THIS CAVE
OF DOOM! DIE!

PFFT! THOSE
ARE YOUR LAST
WORDS? THIS IS
DAECHANG'S MOVE!
LOOK FAMILAR?

WHAT?
THAT'S...!

THAT'S RIGHT,
SUCKER! EAT
MY SPIRIT
MI-RIJ DRAGON
GOD'S EVIL
DECAPITATION
SWORD!





GRAB
HE'LL KILL
US ALL

SUCH A MOVE
IN A TIGHT
SPACE LIKE
THIS!



MY BACK I USED A
LITTLE TOO MUCH
ENERGY. ALMOST
BURNED DOWN THE
HOUSE TRYING TO
ROLL A FLEA!



DON'T WORRY
THIS PLACE IS
ENCHANTED
YOU CAN'T
DESTROY
IT

IT'S MUCH
LIKE THE BLUE
DRAGON'S
REALM.



PREBABLY??
DILSHTER NE
O GREAT ONE!
IT'S THE AGE OF
INFORMATION,
AFTER ALL!

REALLY
THIS IS THE
AGE OF THESE
THINGS.



I'LL GET
LIKE AT YOUR
DANCEHALL'S OLD
ENOUGH TO BE
YOUR DAD! AN
OLD'S TURNING
IN HER DANCE!

WHAT
ARE YOU
ADDING
AT, JERRY?

THEY
NEVER
CHANGE.

THAT'S
FINE



GOING
HEAD,
YOU
OLD MAN!

GOING
OFF
YOUR
DANCEHALL,
HOLD UP!

HEY,
DANCEHALL
MOM!

HEY,
DANCEHALL
MOM!



I HOPE SEOR-CHONG IS DEAD...
DARK IS GETTING
HEAVIER...

COULD THIS
TUNNEL BE
ANY LONGER?
I'M GETTING
A HEADACHE
FROM THE
PRESSURE
DOWN HERE!



A LIGHT IS
THIS THE
END? BUT...



WHA...
IT'S SO
BRIGHT!



GAH?!
NO!!!



CHAPTER 35
GOONG CHUN VS. MOO RYUNG (PART 1)

S-SA-MI...?
MONG-
YELIN...?





SA...
SA-MI...

TOO LATE...!



WELL, AN
UNEXPECTED
GUEST!

I'M MOST
IMPRESSED
THAT YOU
ESCAPED,
GOONG-CHUN.



I ORDERED THOSE
GUARDS TO FIND
SA-MI, EVEN IF IT
MEANT KILLING
YOU. THEY'LL BE
PUNISHED FOR
INCOMPETENCE!

BUT
IT MATTERS
LITTLE NOW
THAT SA-MI IS
IN THE PROCESS
OF UNSEALING
HER MEMORY.



YOU'LL
BE
SORRY...



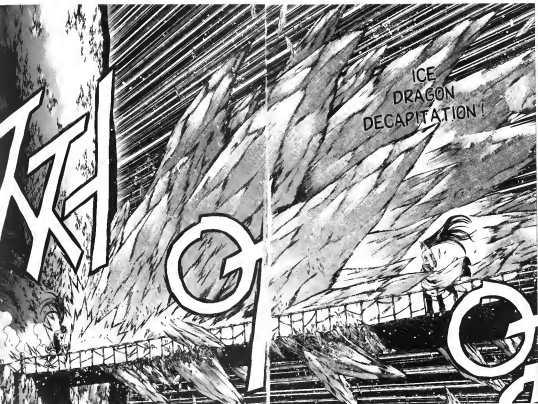
COLD ENERGY

WHAT?



THOSE
GUARDS
ARE
DEAD!
AND
NOW IT'S
YOUR
TURN!!

RETURN
SA-MI
TO ME!





AW, YOU DIDN'T
KNOW? MONG-
YUN AND SA-MI
ARE SISTERS—MY
DAUGHTERS!



IMPOSSIBLE!
YOU'RE OVER
300 YEARS
OLD!

SA-MI IS
OLDER THAN
YOU, GOONG-
CHUN! FUNNY,
ISN'T IT?

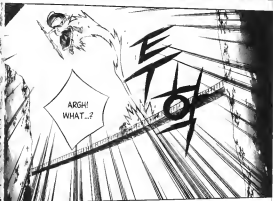
EVERYTHING
WILL RETURN TO
NORMAL, ONCE
HER NEARBY IS
UNSEALED



BUT! SHE'S YOUR
DAUGHTER!
FOR GIVING
SUT LADY!



ARGH!
WHAT...?



DON'T SPEAK OF
THINGS YOU DON'T
KNOW! YOU KNOW
NOTHING ABOUT
I'VE MET THE
ONE WHO SEALED
HER NEARBY!

BUT I MUST EXCISE
MYSELF CHOO
BYUNG WILL FINISH
YOU FOR ME.



WAIT! EVEN
IF YOU ARE
HER FATHER,
I DON'T CARE!

JUST RETURN
SA-HI TO ME!
IF YOU HURT
HER, I'LL GRIND
YOU UP AND
DRINK YOU FOR
BREAKFAST!

AWW,
IS THAT
LOVE? I
SUPPOSE
I SHOULD
THANK YOU
FOR CARING
ABOUT MY
DAUGHTER.

I'LL SPARE
YOU AN OUNCE
OF AGONY
AS THANKS
GOD-KING
MADE IT A
SWIFT PAINLESS
DEATH. HE'S
BRED THROUGH
OUGH.

YES,
MASTER!

GOD-
KING!
SO THAT
ATTACK
WAS FROM
HER.

YOU'RE ALONE.
SEIR-CHONG MUST
BE BUSY WITH
SA-RYUNG. IT'S A
PITY, GODS-CHUN,
IF THINGS WERE
DIFFERENT.

WE COULD'VE
BEEN FRIENDS.
OH WELL. ALL
I CAN DO NOW
IS KILL YOU
QUICKLY.

GOD-KING,
I DON'T WANT
TO FIGHT YOU.
I HAVE THE POW-
ER TO KILL ANY OTHER.

I KNOW THIS
SOUNDS ORR,
BUT I THINK YOU
UNDERSTAND
ME. LET ME
GO PLEASE.

사아아아아



PLEASE! PLEASE!
LET ME GO!!



ARGH!

YEO-KANG!
LOOK OUT!

PLEASE
LET ME GO!
YEO-KANG
NEEDS MY
HELP!

NO! NEVER
SHAMANS
ARENT
ALLOWED
TO LOVE!



GAHH



Rpower

AAUGH!
GHO-
RYUNG



NOOO!
YEO-KANG!



GAHH
THAT
SHAMAN
FAILED!

YOU DO IT,
GHO-RYUNG!
STOP THE
DRAGON OR
WE'RE ALL
DEAD!

WAIT!
YOU WAITING
FOR DO IT!







OH NO...
HIS LEGS
ARE...

HE'S HURT BUT
STILL TRYING
TO SAVE ME.

SUPPORTING THE
RAFT ON HIS OWN.



HHHHH...

AH... I
THE ONLY
SURVIVOR...



GET UP
HERE
YEO-KANG!

HA... THERE'S
BARELY ENOUGH
ROOM FOR YOU.



AND MY
TIME HAS
COME. I'M
HAPPY...

TO ONE
PROTECT-
ING YOU...



NOOOOOO...!

YEO-KANG!



HA...
WELCOME
BACK...

HUH? YEO-
KANG? YOU'RE
ALIVE!





WATCH
OUT, CHOD-
RYUNG!



?!!



YOU COWARD! I
CAN'T BELIEVE
YOU'RE SA-MI'S
FATHER!

I WON'T
BELIEVE IT!



?!!



BASTARD!
WANTS
THAT BLUE
FOREHEAD!



IT'S KNOWN
IN THE WEST
AS THE
"PHILOSOPHER'S
STONE."

SHAMANS USE
IT TO CONTROL
DRAGONS, BUT IT
WORKS BETTER
IN PEOPLE.



HUH?!

CHOD RYUNG!



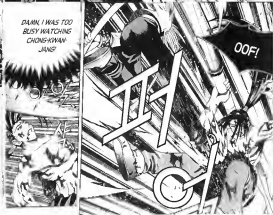


CHAPTER 85
GOONG CHUN VS. CHOO RYUNG (PART 3)













TURNING STAFF
ATTACK!

NOW WHAT-?



SHE'S TOO
STRONG! IF I
DON'T FIGHT
BACK...

...THIS
COULD BE
THE END!



UGH!



?!!



GGG

CHOO-
RYUNG..!



DAMN IT,
CHOO-RYUNG!
I DON'T WANT
TO FIGHT YOU!

GET A
HOLD OF
YOURSELF,
CHOO-
RYUNG!

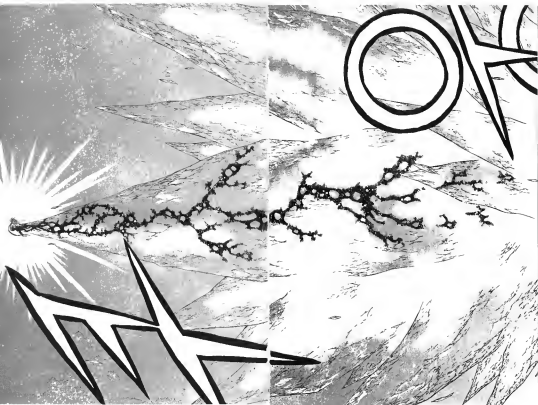
I HAVE
TO SAVE
SA-MI!

NYAAAAH!

LIGHTNING
DRAGON ICE
HEAVEN
SWORD!

파아아아아







LIGHTNING DRAGON.
ICE HEAVEN SWORD.
IS AWESOME! I
CAN'T IMAGINE
THE POWER... IF YOU
WEREN'T HURT.

pant

pant

SOKAY. I'M
DONE FOR...
ANYWAY.

GOODS-CHUN.
IT'S NOT YOUR
FAULT. I'VE NEVER
REGRETTED...
THE PATH I
CHOSE, BUT..

??!

SORRY, CHOO-
RYUNG. I DIDN'T
WANT TO DO IT
BUT.. I HAVE TO
SAVE SA-MI!

pant

pant

HA HA,
YOU CRAZY--

I'VE NEVER
SEEN A DRAGON
HUNTER LIKE
YOU HA, YOU
REALIZE...

...YOU'RE
TOTALLY
OBSESSED
WITH HER?

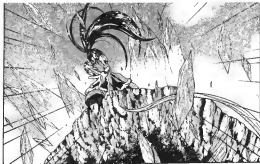
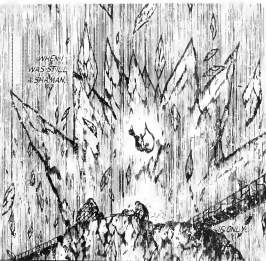
cough

YOU'RE
COUGHING
BLOOD.
DON'T SPEAK!

pant

..I WISH
THAT..

..I HAD MET A
DRAGON HUNTER
LIKE YOU..



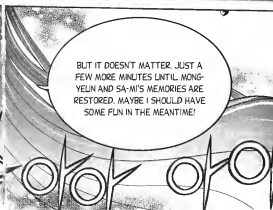


LEMME GO! CHONG-KWAN-JANG,
YOU SON OF A GUN! YOU'RE
DEAD! RETURN SA-MI TO ME!





WELL, WELL. THE
GANG'S ALL HERE. OF
COURSE, I'M A LITTLE
DISAPPOINTED
YOU'RE ALL ALIVE
AND KICKING.



BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER. JUST A
FEW MORE MINUTES UNTIL MONG-
YELIN AND SA-MI'S MEMORIES ARE
RESTORED. MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE
SOME FUN IN THE MEANTIME!

OK OK OK OK OK OK



I WON'T
PERSONALLY
BE FIGHTING...
BUT I'M SURE I'LL
ENJOY MYSELF.



WAIT,
NI-RI! YOU
CAN'T...

SEUR-CHUN!
I HAVEN'T
HEARD MY
NAME IN A
WHILE. IF
YOU SURVIVE,
LET'S TALK

AH...
CRAP!

WHAT
DO WE
DO?

WE'RE OUT-
NUMBERED!

AH...



DON'T BE RIDICULOUS!
YOU CAN'T CONTROL
THEM ALL! IT'S TOO
DANGEROUS, MYUNG-HO!

CHAPTER 87
THE DEEPER CLAIRVOYANCE

SEUR-CHONG! YOU'RE THE
BEST DRAGON HUNTER! IF
I'M TO BE YOUR PARTNER,
I HAVE TO BE THE BEST
SHAMAN! SO, TRUST ME!

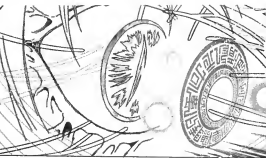


MYUNG-HO..!

I KNOW
MYUNG-HO HAS GROWN
QUITE STRONG. BUT
CONTROLLING ALL THE
DRAGONS WON'T BE EASY
IF HE MISSES JUST
ONE.

THIRD EYE...
AWAKE!





WITH
THE MAGIC OF MY
POWERFUL THIRD
EYE, I COMMAND
YOU...



...REJECT
YOUR EVIL OWNER'S
SPELL! YOU'RE MY
SERVANTS NOW!
BE CALM, AND
AWAIT MY ORDER!









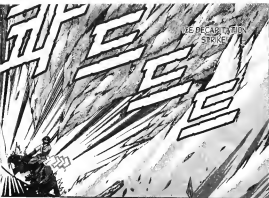


SPIRIT NI-
GJI DRAGON
DECAPITATION
SWORD!

파아아아아



?!



THE DECAPITATION
STRIKE!



WHA-?



NO
WAY! I DON'T
BELIEVE!



파아아아아





WAS THAT
OKAY, SEUR-
CHONG? I SORTA
RUSHED IT...

THIS IS
WHY I DIDN'T WANT
YOU TO COME HERE.
SEUR-CHONG. SEE
HOW POWERFUL
CHONG-KWAN-
JANG IS?



HE IS
STRONGER THAN
THE GUARDIAN
DRAGONS OF THE
DRAGON KING.



GOONG-
CHUN?

THAT'S
NONSENSE! BUT
EVEN IF HE IS, HOW
CAN HE SUMMON THE
POWER OF CURSES
WE RECEIVED?



IF HE
WAS CURSED
BY ALL THOSE
DRAGONS, HOW
CAN HE STILL
BE ALIVE?



CHONG-KWAN-
JANG ALMOST
HAD ME THERE...!
HOW CAN HE USE
MY MOVE? HEY,
DAECHANG!

A LITTLE
EXPLANATION...?



SEUR-
CHONG...



MY,
YOU'RE DENSE.
YOU STILL DON'T
GET IT? TAKE A
LOOK AROUND.



?!!

WE ARE DEEP
UNDERGROUND, YET
IT'S SO BRIGHT AND
WARM HERE, THANKS
TO THE LIGHT FROM
THE PAVILIONS

THE
LIGHTS...



...ARE THE
CRYSTALS OF
ENERGY THAT
HELP DRAGONS
ASCEND TO
HEAVEN...

THEY ARE
YOH-E-JU'



WHAT?
THEN...

I FOUNDED THE
CHUNJOO. I THEN
STARTED TO CREATE
NO. GROW DRAGONS
BASED ON THE
FOUR PRE-EXISTING
GUARDIANS



AFTER THE
EXPERIMENTS WERE
DONE, WE NEEDED
TO DISPOSE OF THE
SPENT SPECIMEN
AND THAT IS WHY
I NEEDED YOU
DRAGON HUNTERS



BECAUSE A DRAGON
WITHOUT YOH-E-JU
ARE JUST ANIMALS
I FOUND THAT EVEN
HUMAN HUNTERS
CAN CAPTURE THESE
CREATURES

WHEN HUNTERS
BROUGHT THE
DRAGONS HERE, THE
CHUNJOO BOUGHT
AND STUDIED THEM

AND THANKS TO
YOU SEUR-CHUNG, I
DISCOVERED ANOTHER
LITTLE PRECIOUS HUGGET
OF FACT THE FACT
THAT EVEN HUMANS
CAN ATTAIN THE
DRAGONS POWER WHEN
THEY ARE CURSED



SHUT UP AND
HELP MYING-
HO CONTROL
THOSE
DRAGONS!



OH BUT I AM
A SHAMAN IN
JES CONDITION
COULDN'T
HAVE BEEN
HOLDING THESE
CREATURES
BACK ALL
THIS TIME



MYING-HO,
YOU ALL
RIGHT?

YEAH...



DON'T CHANGE
THE SUBJECT
IF YOU WANT
EVERYTHING YOU
SAID IS TRUE!



I HAVE A
BAD FEELING
ABOUT THIS



HA HA HA
UNFORTUNATELY
FOR YOU EVERYTHING
I'VE SAID IS TRUE
WE FOOLED THE
DRAGON HUNTERS SO
THAT THEY WOULD
ALL BE CURSED

HEH HEH HEH... ACCUSING
THE DRAGON GOD'S POWER
IF YOU KILL THE FOUR
GUARDIAN DRAGONS BEING
CURSED BY ALL, CURSES
ONCE YOU ARE CURSED
BY THE DRAGON GOD...



...ARE COMPLETE
LIES THAT I SPREAD
THROUGHOUT THE
CHUNJOO! ALL THOSE
CURSED SHALL
EVENTUALLY TURN TO
STONE AND PERISH.



S-SILENCE!
NOT ANOTHER
WORD, MU-RU...



WHAT ARE
YOU GOING
TO DO,
TURNCOAT?



IS IT TRUE,
DAECHANG?

!!

I ASKED YOU
IF WHAT HE
SAID IS TRUE!



DAECHANG!

HE ASKED YOU
A QUESTION.
ANSWER HIM!



IT'S
ALL...

...TRUE.
BUT...



...THERE IS...

...A WAY
THAT WE
CAN LIFT
THE CURSES!



?!

IT'S AN AHA HA! YES!
YES, THERE IS A WAY!
AND AS SOON AS YOU
LEARNED OF IT, YOU
BETRAYED ME AND
LEFT THE CHILDREN!



HOW
DO WE
DO IT?

TELL
ME,
DAMNIT!

DAECHANG!
YOU BETRAYED
THE CHILDREN!
BETRAYED ME!

DAECHANG!

TO
GET
BY.



..OF THE CURSE...
YOU MUST KILL THE
DRAGON GOD, NOT
BE CURSED BY IT!

WE DISCOVERED
THIS FROM AN
ANCIENT TEXT
BUT AS YOU KNOW,
TO KILL THE
DRAGON GOD...



IT IS THIS CURSE
THAT WILL BE THE
BEGINNING AND THE
END OF EVERYTHING!

EVER SINCE BEING
CURSED BY THE
DRAGON GOD, I
HAVE LIVED MY
LIFE FOR THIS
MOMENT.



IS DAMN NEAR
IMPOSSIBLE! HEH HEH
TO EVEN GET NEAR
THE DRAGON GOD, YOU
MUST GO THROUGH
ALL FOUR GUARDIAN
DRAGONS AND CAPTURE
THE DRAGON KING.



BUT YOUR
CURSE--

YES MY
CURSE IS
FROM THE
DRAGON
GOD!



I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO
SAVE MYSELF FROM THIS
CURSE JUST AS YOU HAVE
BEEN, SEUR-CHONG. I KNOW
THAT MONG-YEUN AND
SA-MI ARE THE KEYS TO
UNLOCKING MY CURSE!

SO IF YOU
WANT TO LIVE,
SEUR-CHONG,
YOU BETTER
HELP ME. FOR
IF YOU DO



THE SPELL THAT
WILL BRING FORTH
THE DRAGON
GOD! AND ONCE
THE DRAGON GOD
APPEARS.

...WE DO
THINGS
MY WAY!



...WITH OUR
COMBINED POWER,
WE CAN EASILY
BEST THE DRAGON
GOD. THEN WE
CAN BOTH BE RID
OF OUR CURSES



LIVE YOUR FATHER,
YOU MUST DECIDE TO
EITHER HELP ME OR
RUN AWAY. CHOOSE!
HELP ME, OR DIE!



MONG-YEUN AND
SA-MI WILL RECALL
THE SPELL, ONCE
THEY ARE AWAKE.



HE WHO
KILLS IT,
CAN BECOME
THE NEW
DRAGON GOD!



CHAPTER 89
INNER FORCE DRAGON GOD DECAPITATION STRIKE!





GRRR! LOSING
GRIP... ON MY
SPELL! ARGH!



SHIT,
SEJU-CHONG DO
SOMETHING!



HI-MYUNG-
HOO?



MYUNG-HO?

?!?



NO
SEJU-CHONG
IS PARALYZED
WITH SHOCK



DAMNIT!
THEN...



Auuughhhh



HA HA HA! DIE!
ALL OF YOU!



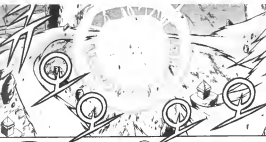


DRAGON GOD INNER
FORCE SWORD
EXPLOSION!!!

OK











The Studio Redstone Story (Chapter 16)

Hello!

This is Hong Seock!!

It's getting cold.
 'tis the season to hibernate!

I'm already up to volume 16.
 It's exciting, but I'm still behind schedule. Sob!
 I solemnly vow to do my best to catch up!

Like most comic book creators, I used to go to bed late. But now, I'm trying to keep regular hours! I went from living in the dark to living in the light! Life is more beautiful working in the morning and going to bed early! Heh heh!



Hong Seock Seo

However, the reason I'm still missing my deadlines is... (I'm not sure. It's a big mystery to me, too...)

Another big change for me...
 ...is that most of the art is now
 done on the computer.

I only do backgrounds and sketching by hand.
 The rest are digitally done.

I started doing this in the middle of
 Volume 16. (Did you notice?)

I find the computer convenient,
 but quite challenging.
 The best part is that I can save
 money on screen tones! ^^;
 It was kind of hard at first, but it's fun now!

Please keep reading Dragon Hunter-- now
 upgraded with CG graphics! (Punch!)

See you in volume 17!

Hong Seock
 November 24, 2003



HA HA HA!
BEAUTIFUL!
EVERYTHING'S
NOW DONE
ON MY PC!



MWA HA HA!
LOOK AT THIS
AWESOME
PANEL!

CALM
DOWN



HOW WHAT'S
THIS? THE
CAN ONLY
MONO?



3 MIN LATER

Lapping...



5 MIN LATER

Lapping...



AAAAAAAAH!
WHAT THE HELL'S
TAKING SO LONG?
DRAGON DECAPITATION!
HA-YAH!



READ! LE! I WAS
A BEAR IN THE LAST
VOLUME. TEE HEE.



ANYWAY



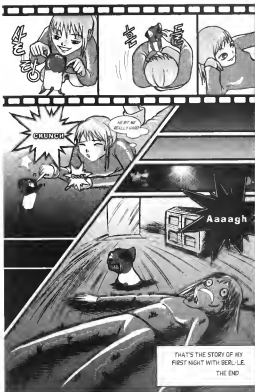
ahh



THERE IS A PUPPY
NAMED BERL-LE*
IN OUR HOUSE

BUT HE ISN'T...A NORMAL PUPPY

* MEANS "INSECT" IN KOREAN





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